

Please rewrite Claims 1 and 12 as follows:

Sub B1 A1
1. (Amended) An apparatus for guiding at least one optical path for an optoelectronic transceiver, said apparatus comprising:

- an input interface;
- an output interface; and
- at least one bent element being disposed between said input and output interfaces;
- said at least one bent element being adapted to provide at least one optical path;
- said at least one bent element being adapted to avoid premature mechanical failure;
- wherein said at least one bent element includes a bending radius of less than about 2.5 mm.

Sub B2 A2 Cont.
12. (Amended) A method of forming apparatus for guiding at least one optical path for an optoelectronic transceiver, said method comprising the steps of:

- providing an input interface;
- providing an output interface; and
- disposing at least one bent element between said input and output interfaces;
- adapting said at least one bent element to provide at least one optical path;